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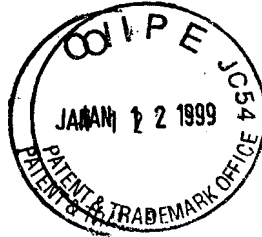
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTO ROTATING A GRAPHICAL USER
INTERFACE FOR MANAGING PORTRAIT AND LANDSCAPE IMAGES
IN AN IMAGE CAPTURE UNIT ✓

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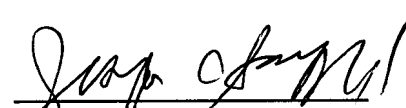
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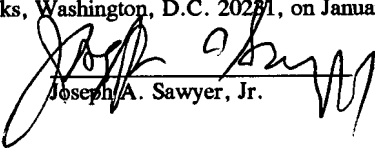
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97-99, submitted herewith in compliance with the duty of disclosure is a Declaration by Eric C. Anderson, Chief Technical Officer of FlashPoint Technology, Inc. setting forth facts describing FlashPoint's prior sales activity. It is believed that these facts cannot be construed to constitute a §102(b) on sale bar because the product was proposed to third parties in concept form only, and the proposal was made before the invention embodied in the product was ready for patenting. That is, at the time the concept for the product was proposed, the claimed invention had not been actually reduced to practice nor had the inventor prepared a description of the invention that was sufficiently specific to enable a person skilled in the art to practice the invention, as required under Pfaff v. Wells Electronics, Inc., 98 C.D.O.S. 8319, 000 U.S. 97-1130 (Nov. 10, 1998).

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

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